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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 19 without prejudice.

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A bonding composition for tooth tissue, comprising:

a mixture of a polymerizable compound having acid group,

a water-soluble film-forming agent,

a form-retaining agent,

water, and

a curing agent;

wherein a calcium salt formed from said polymerizable compound having an acid group is insoluble in water;

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